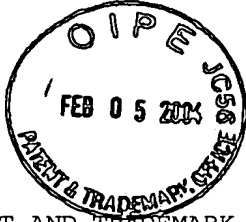




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Dear Sir:

Applicant(s) petition(s) the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated December 16, 2003 for one(1) month(s) from January 16, 2004 to February 16, 2004. A Response to Non-Compliant Amendment to the aforesaid Office Action is being filed concurrently herewith.

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